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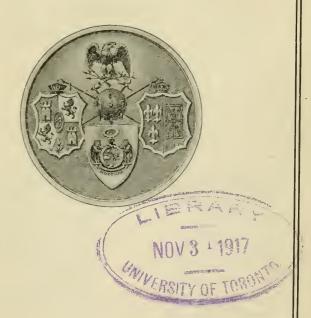
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| | \$7,261.70 |
| To | φ1,201.10 |
| Disbursements. | |
| Books Printing, Stationery and Supplies. Salaries Wages and General Expenses. Binding Manuscripts Equipment Postage Photographs and Pictures | . 997.42 . 3.000.00 . 2,150.19 . 114.52 . 16.00 . 100.74 . 214.26 |
| Less Deficit | $ \begin{array}{r} $7,732.76 \\ \underline{471.06} \\ \hline $7,261.70 \end{array} $ |

The Society has an endowment fund of \$76,221.96, the interest upon which is applied to the payment of current expenses. It also has a trust fund of \$13,407.80, the income of which is being accumulated. The principal of this fund is composed of a gift from Professor Sylvester Waterhouse of \$5,000; the accumulation of interest upon which for a period of years is a requirement of the donor; a bequest by Melvin L. Gray of \$500; a bequest by Charles Seitz of \$1,000, and the sum of \$1,000 received from W. K. Bixby, Esq., for ten life member-

TREASURER'S REPORT

ships. The bequests above mentioned are not required to be accumulated, but it is the purpose of the Board to allow these sums to increase until each one will earn a substantial annual interest, at which time it will be separately invested as a permanent fund bearing the name of the donor, and the interest used in the Society's service to the public. There are three other permanent funds, to-wit:

| The | McMillan Memoria | I Fund\$5,000 |
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| | | |
| The | Bixby Book Fund | |

It has not been possible to keep a record of the visitors to the Historical Society, but the number for the last year is estimated at two hundred and forty thousand. The number of visitors from out of town who spend from a few days to several weeks working in the library increases each year.

For purposes of comparison, the financial statement of the Western Reserve Historical Society of Cleveland is subjoined. That society, like this, is without support from the public funds; it is about the same age, having been established in 1867; and has its home in a city of less population than St. Louis.

THE WESTERN RESERVE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Cleveland Ohio.

TREASURER'S REPORT May 1, 1915, to April 30, 1916.

| Receipts. | | | | |
|---|---------------------------------------|--|--|--|
| May 1, 1915—Cash on hand\$ | 2,842 52 | | | |
| Subscriptions—May 1, 1915, to April 30, 1916 | 9,305.00 | | | |
| Miscellaneous Receipts | 127.13 | | | |
| Interest on Deposits to April 30, 1916 | 61.16 | | | |
| Special Contributions | 6,079.71 | | | |
| Income from Endowment | 530.57 | | | |
| Income from Allen Fund | 701.26 | | | |
| | | | | |
| \$ | 19.647.35 | | | |
| Disbursements. | 19,647.35 | | | |
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| DISBURSEMENTS. | | | | |
| DISBURSEMENTS. Subscriptions to Periodicals\$ | 43.61 | | | |
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| Binding | 125.00 |
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| Binding | -60.03 |
| Building Account | . 5,282.00 |
| Furniture | . 38.00 |
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| | \$17,004.14 |
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Suggestions to all who are interested in the work of the Missouri Historical Society:

If you are not a member, become one. If you are a member, then bring in some of your friends. Use the inclosed blank applications.

The Society has a good historical library, containing books relating to the history of all the States. It has probably the best collection of books, manuscripts, newspapers and pamphlets relating to Missouri and Missourians that has yet been made. Its genealogical section is extensive but inadequate. It also has a museum and portrait gallery of great interest. But, both the library and museum need to be kept up to date.

The endowment of the Society should be increased to at least \$100,000.

The Society should have a publication fund of at least \$25,000, the income to be used for printing. A Historical Society without publications is like a man without a voice. And there are numerous other purposes for which the Society ought to have special funds. Among others, there should be an archaeological fund, a manuscript fund and a binding fund.

If you give now you can have the pleasure of seeing the good results. But if you do not wish to give now, won't you incorporate in your will the provision:

"I give, devise and bequeath to the Missouri Historical Society in St. Louis the sum of......dollars."

Do not feel that because you do not wish to give a large amount that you will give nothing. Help to make such bequests a habit among Missourians. If you have a hobby in the line of the Society's service, specify that it is your preference that your gift or the income from it be used for work along that line.

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